

Wallack & Holmes, Inc.

MAYFIELD, NEW YORK

12 May 1952

Mr. William H. Miller
277 Montauk Highway
Babylon, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Miller,

Acknowledging receipt of your letters, order and check. Everything seems to be in order here and we will get to work on the job as soon as possible.

The Ace is only a little ahead of the 250-3000 in velocity and not at all in accuracy. If accuracy is the prime consideration I think you'd be just as far ahead to select the 250-3000. Generally the forming load is pretty good, but is usually considered a waste load. Certainly you wouldn't consider it of match quality. If I were in your shoes, I would choose the .250-3000 but prefer that the decision be yours. The Ace really gains little, except as you point out that it is different.

The .257 barrel could only be fitted to the '98 Mauser by rethreading and rechambering. Even then I doubt that it would be too successful, in fact it is a job that I would turn down if offered me. In addition it would not be an inexpensive job and would probably run the whole job to where it would not be any more expensive to buy a new custom barrel fitted to the '98 action.

About loading tools, I'll tell you what I'd buy in similar circumstances and you can take it from there: I'd get the standard Pacific tool with two shell holders (one for .30-06 which will fit also the 270, 257, 250-3000 and any other similar case and one for pistol size) One set of dies comes with the tool, so you would only have to buy one more set of dies. The Ideal lubricator and sizer works well with pistol bullets. I suggest the Pacific tool because I think it's one of the best, surely not bettered by any other and will do any reloading job ever offered it. We can supply you with anything in the loading line when you are ready, and will be glad to advise as best we can if you have a problem.

I don't have a January '48 RIFLEMAN here in the shop, will have to look it up when I'm home. So will have to advise you later on about it. Hunter knobs are perfectly ok on this rifle. Please let us know at your convenience about the caliber.

"Fine Guns"

Sincerely yours,

Wallack

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277 Montauk Highway
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May 20, 1952

Mr. L. R. Wallack
 Mayfield, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Wallack,

I have your letter of May 12th. Thanks for the good advice and let's make the rifle for the regular .250-3000 cartridge.

I'll have to think some more about loading tools. My first idea was to get by as cheaply as possible. If I do that I'll probably buy a more expensive tool later which will run up the final cost needlessly. If I could be sure I'd never want to make bullets I'd settle for the P standard Pacific tool. But for about \$3⁰⁰ more I can get the Pacific Super or the Hollywood which would make bullets. The new Dumber press on page 6 of the May Rifleman is an attractive looking machine but the price

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is \$39.00 with no dies, which means \$51.50 for one caliber. There's not much you can do for me on this until I make up my mind what I want ~~to do~~ a tool to do.

I have been interested in reading Mr. MacFarland's comments on the Remington actions on page 242 of his "Gunsmithing Simplified": "The cocking piece is cross-pinned to the firing pin — leaves the remote but ever present danger of the pin shearing and the gun firing accidentally; — At least some breech bolts have left the factory in a soft condition. When fired with heavy loads the surface of the locking lugs galled and rubbed off." I doubt if Remington's ^{inspectors} ~~quality~~ ~~control~~ ~~will~~ let many of those get by, but maybe I should quit reading such stuff.

I'll be very much interested in your opinion of the right modification in the Jan. '48 Rifleman.

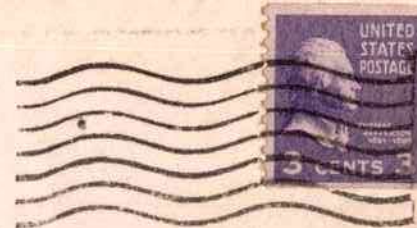
And finally, at the risk of being thought a worrisome old woman, I'm going to repeat again that I want the high comb stock.

Let me know when you want more money —

Sincerely yours,

William H. Miller.

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